

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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## Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022

### EASTER DECLARATION

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

### PRELUDE

“Christ is Risen, Halleluiah”

Bell Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Shadows and worry follow us clinging like cobwebs in our hair.

**P: Yet, something has changed.**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed**

L: Darkness and grief surround us and the world’s words creep inside our souls,

**ALL: But something is bright and new. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

### HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

### \*EASTER PRAYER

**God of rock and roll, the rock is rolled away! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! We’ve come to celebrate the rolling stone and to ask that you role the stone in our lives, to allow the resurrection of ourselves as new creations, in Jesus Christ to come forth and shake us this Easter morning! Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

### \*HYMN NO. 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we, too often, have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. We have so often listened to the fleshly world’s thoughts and ignored Your Spirit’s words to us. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live, no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

### MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Come into the light of God’s love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God’s love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace. AMEN.

### \*GLORI PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, amen. Amen.**

### \*The Peace

L: Christ is risen!

**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: Risen One, with Mary Magdalene, help us recognize you this day as we hear your word and feast together. You are “Rabboni,” our Teacher, our Guide. Come speak to us, that we might be messengers of your love and doers of your word. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pg. 565)*

### NEW TESTAMENT

*John 20:1-18 (Pg. 114)*

### SERMON

“Hypocrites Unite”

### HYMN NO. 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

### \*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,... and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord,...Great is the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...

THE LORDS PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(please hold each element until all are served so that we may partake together)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

POSTLUDE

“Christ Is Risen”

RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

GREETER for today is Debbie Prince.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Elda McCoy and Carole Emery.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of granddaughter, Reese's, birthday.

DEACON of the month is Bonnie Miller.

**THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.**

Today ~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ **NO** Bell rehearsal  
~ **NO** Fellowship Hour

Monday ~ Easter Monday, Church Closed

**Church Elders**

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff  
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall  
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

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